



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



**18<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Sunday Worship – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**  
**Easter 7**

8:00am - BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

9:45am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

**Wednesday** at 9:15am – Morning Prayer

Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the telephone conference

**Thursday** at 9:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road



***Worshipping God,  
Growing in Faith,  
Serving the Community.***

## **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**Our mission Partners:** For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators International.

**From our Parish prayer diary:** Harewood Avenue, Brantwood Drive, Lawnswood Avenue, Whinfell Drive

**From our Church prayer diary:** For the club members and volunteers at St Paul's Hala Pantry

**Those who have asked for prayers for healing:** Mary Wilson, Eunice Parkinson, Reg Wollington, Mary Smith, Dorothy Camm, Lee Phillips, Denis Thorpe, Joan Guenault, John Harding, Christine Medd

**All who mourn:**

### **Collect for Sunday 21st May:**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **Readings for Sunday 21st May:**

#### **Acts 1.6-14**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'  
<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they

were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### **Post Communion Prayer for 21st May 2023:**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23; John 7.37-39

**VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner:

Tel: 749693; Email: [vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org)

*Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.*

**ASSISTANT PRIEST:** Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;

Email: [catherine@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:catherine@stpauls-scotforth.org)

*Rest day is Tuesday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact Rev Rebecca or a Church warden.*

**CHURCHWARDEN:** Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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**PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon.

Tel: 01524 843135; Email: [office@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill through the parish office or Email: [lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org)

**CHURCH WEBSITE & HOW TO HIRE OUR ROOMS:**

<https://stpauls-scotforth.org> then visit the Hiring our Spaces area at the top of the page.

**FACEBOOK:** regular updates about life at St Paul's can be found:

@scotforthstpaulschurch

**INSTAGRAM:** @scotforthstpauls

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM:** Our Clergy and Pastoral Care Team are here to listen and to pray. You can contact them by either emailing [pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org) or telephoning Irene on Tel: 64701.

**Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379

## Support your Church to serve your local community:

Many people might be surprised to know that St. Paul's is entirely self-funded and does not get any financial support from the Church of England, the Government or the Diocese of Blackburn. We also fund our own running costs and maintenance.

If you would like to learn more about supporting your church by monthly Bank Standing Order as an easy and convenient way instead of via the collection plate, then please talk to the Churchwarden or a member of the welcome team to get more information. Alternatively, you can always email the church office ([office@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)) for more information.



## Parish Postcard Delivery:

Thank you to everyone who took some postcards for delivery within the parish. We do still have a few streets that are waiting for deliveries to be made to them. If you can help then please talk to Rev Rebecca or an Assistant Warden; or help yourselves to the streets left from the table at the back of church. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the distribution of the cards so far.

**Submissions for the Parish News:** The deadline each week is Tuesday at 11.30am, but we can always add contributions to the following week's Parish News. We look forward to receiving your contributions and supporting each other in the Body of Christ. Please email the parish office, leave a message on the answer machine for a telephone submission or post/leave an article for the Parish Office in the Parish Hall letter box.



## Contactless Giving in Church is now available.

Our machine will be at the back of church so that on your way out, rather than giving a cash donation, you could consider giving by card.



**Crafty Pentecost**  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
2:00pm – 4:00pm  
St Paul's Parish Hall



Come and join us for a time of crafty preparation for Pentecost. We will be offering a number of Pentecost themed craft activities, refreshments and a short time of worship.

ALL AGES welcome - children to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Any queries contact Katherine Froggatt on [kaf@phoncoop.coop](mailto:kaf@phoncoop.coop) or 01524 39018

## **Christian Aid Week – 14<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> May**

As we look back on a slightly damp Coronation weekend, we must also remember those parts of the world where the consequences of poor weather are so much more than good old British drizzle. For farmers like Jen Bishop in Malawi, a combination of Cyclone Freddie and rising fertiliser costs mean choosing which child can go to school and which must stay at home. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May marks the start of Christian Aid week, and Jen needs our help. Please give generously to help those suffering most from the climate crisis. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver envelopes, so if you haven't yet found something to do for The Big Help Out, maybe this is could be for you.

***Sammy Dawkins***



### **Christian Aid Envelopes:**

Please deliver your donation envelopes to either the Parish Office during office opening hours; or to our secure post box outside the Parish Hall front door.

### **Can you play an instrument?**

We are still looking for volunteers to play at our 9.45am service on a rota basis. We are looking for an enthusiasm to enhance our worship not concert level musicians, e.g. Grade 5/6 piano; flute; guitar playing.

Or, are you well-practiced with technology? Would you be willing to go on a rota to operate Spotify or other music platform via Bluetooth using the church sound system?

If you would like to know more then please do talk to Rev Rebecca.

## St Paul's Tote Bags

Have you bought and modelled your tote bag yet?

These very useful bags are still available to buy from the back of Church, Hala Worship Centre and the Parish Office.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING



**TOTE BAGS FOR SALE**

For a minimum donation of £5 each

AVAILABLE TO BUY:  
At Services in St Paul's Church or St Paul's, Hala Centre  
From the Parish Office (Monday - Friday 9.30-12noon)



**MUSICIANS REQUIRED**

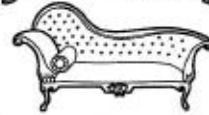
We are looking for a team of people to play piano or organ at our 9.45am service each week. There will also be the opportunity to play for occasional offices (weddings and funerals).

If you are interested and would like further information please call

- Rev Rebecca on 749693 or
- Jayne (Churchwarden) on 843135



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Tickets available now [www.leightonhall.co.uk](http://www.leightonhall.co.uk)

### EXCITING SUMMER SEASON OF EVENTS

**Classic Car Rally** Sunday 2nd July 2023 10:00am – 4:00pm Tickets available now from [www.greatbritishmotorshows.com](http://www.greatbritishmotorshows.com)

**Shakespeare in the Garden "Twelfth Night"** Thursday 27th July 2023 at 7:30pm. Open air performance.  
Grounds open from 6:00pm for picnics. Bring your own seating. Tickets available at [www.leightonhall.co.uk](http://www.leightonhall.co.uk)

**Motorcycle Hill Climb** Sunday 30th July 2023. Racing from 1pm. Tickets available now [www.leightonhall.co.uk](http://www.leightonhall.co.uk)

**Family Month – August** Extended opening times and free activities for children: Teddy Bear Hunt, Tree Face Trail, Bee Corner and Caterpillar Maze (Included in your admission)

**Malice in Wonderland** Wednesday 16th August 2023 10:00am and 1:00pm  
Part Mystery, part treasure hunt, interactive event for all the family. Tickets available at [www.leightonhall.co.uk](http://www.leightonhall.co.uk)

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